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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 28, 2001, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including August 28, 2001, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

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~~8. (Twice Amended) A method as in claim 1 wherein said at least one nucleic acid polymerase is selected from the group consisting of Taq DNA polymerase, T4 DNA polymerase, Klenow fragment, Pfu DNA polymerase, Exo- Pfu DNA polymerase, E.coli DNA polymerase I, Klenow fragment of DNA polymerase I, MMLV reverse transcriptase and AMV reverse transcriptase.~~